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Mult. Dep. Claims Fee (if not previously paid)				\$290.00	
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Two-month Extension of Time				\$420.00	
Three-month Extension of Time				\$950.00	\$950.00
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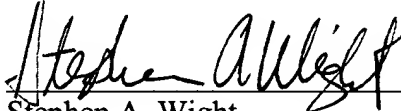
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.173

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This responds to the Office action dated October 2, 2003.

The amendments include changes to the claims and drawings. In compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.173(b)(3), changes to the drawings are explained in detail beginning on page 3.

Please amend the referenced application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend claims 48 and 50 as follows:

48. A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for causing a computer system comprising a plurality of sink objects and a plurality of source objects to dynamically connect source and sink objects by:  
communicating with a sink object from a source object via a notification interface;  
storing a plurality of notification interfaces referenced by a plurality of connection point objects wherein each source object is coupled to a connection point object; and  
returning an identification of one of the notification interfaces from the stored plurality of notification interfaces upon request.